

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19

5 p.m. +**Jeanne McCormick**
By Rachael Semonche

Palm Sunday, March 20

8:00 a.m. +**Rose Kane**
By Susan Reynolds

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

Monday, March 21

8:45 a.m. +**Marina and Giovanni Nappa**
By Granddaughter

Tuesday, March 22

8:45 a.m. +**Beatrice and Thomas Nappi**
By Angela Gross

Wednesday, March 23

8:45 a.m. +**Salvatore and Jeanette Urbano**
By Susan Reynolds

Holy Thursday, March 24

7:00 p.m. **Easter Mass Remembrance**

Good Friday, March 25 NO MASS

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 26

8 p.m. **Easter Mass Remembrance**

Easter Sunday, March 27

7:30 a.m. **Easter Mass Remembrance**

10:30 a.m. **Easter Mass Remembrance**

triumph on Palm Sunday, fully aware that this was the prelude to both his death and his glorious resurrection. You and yours are invited to enter fully into the solemn observance of Holy Week and the Easter celebration of our risen Lord. Bring a friend. Come prepared to experience the presence of Christ in our liturgy.

Triduum



The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues through Good Friday with the celebration of the passion of the Lord; on Holy Saturday, it reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday.

Holy Week Schedule

Penance Service

March 24: 6 pm to 7 pm; 9 pm to 10 pm

March 25: 4 pm to 5 pm; 6:30 pm-8 pm

March 26: 12 pm to 1 pm

Holy Thursday, March 24

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 pm

Visit to Repository until 10 pm

Good Friday, March 25

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, and Holy Communion: 5 pm;

Stations of the Cross and Day 1 of Divine Mercy Novena after the Liturgy

Holy Saturday, March 26

Prayers and the Easter Blessing of food,

Day 2 of Divine Novena: 1 pm

Easter Vigil, Mass: 8 pm

Easter Sunday, March 27

Day 3 of Divine Mercy Novena

Procession and Mass: 7:30 am

Mass: 10:30 am, followed by Children's

Easter Egg Hunt



Pascal Candle and Matching Altar Candles were donated by Maria Mateus for an Increase in Vocations and in Thanksgiving for the Year of Mercy. Thank you Maria!



Dear Parishioners,

In the Eucharist, Jesus has instituted the sacrament in which the very passion, death and resurrection that he would undergo would be made present

again in our lives. This presence enables us to share in the benefits of the cross.

With lively faith, then, let us approach this Holy Week with the recognition that the cross each one of us bears can be a real and true gift. To the extent that we see with the eyes of faith, we allow ourselves to enter that world of redeeming love and embracing grace. This is the world that Jesus proclaimed as he entered Jerusalem in

Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence (no meat) for Catholics.** In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



Give a Gift this Easter with a Special Masses Remembrance!

As a Spiritual Gift, have your Family and Friends remembered in the Solemn Easter Masses (8 Masses)

offered here at St. Theodore Church



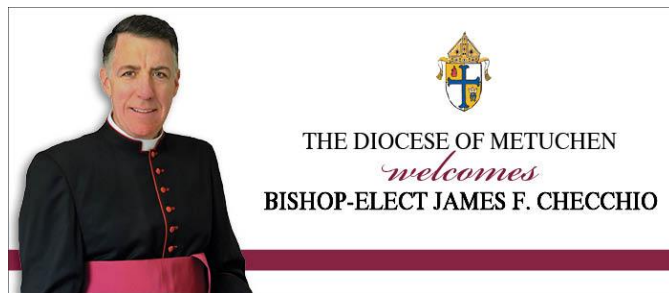
Stephen, Elizabeth
Ondroczyk, Rosaria
Incantalupo, Anthony
Vitale, Bridget M.,

Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael Dante, Keira H., Maryann Vaughan, Charlie Guerriere, Sr., Robert Dicheck, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Eleanor D., Kerry Kraft



2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL — Diocese of Metuchen

To date, the Development Department has received pledges to the Bishop's Annual Appeal totaling \$ 5,896.00 and payments totaling \$ 5,691.00 from 46 parishioners. This represents 78.6% of our \$7,500.00 goal.



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welcomes
BISHOP-ELECT JAMES F. CHECCHIO



The beauty of St Theodore Church is enhanced each year at Easter time by generous donations from our parishioners. Please make your donation before Easter, if possible.

Our Offering: \$2,139. **2015:** \$3,160.
Good Friday Collection: The Holy Land

March & April Schedule

Mar. 19 & 20: Altar Rosary Bake Sale

Mar. 20: 10:30: 2nd Grade Penance Service

Mar. 21 & Mar. 28: No Religious Education & Parish & Rel. Ed. Offices Closed

Apr. 4, 6:15: 7th Graders & Parents at church

Apr. 6, 7:00: Altar Rosary Society Meeting

Apr. 11, 6:15: 2nd Grade at church (First Communion practice) Please be on time.

Apr. 16, 2p-6p: 7th Grade Retreat

Apr. 18, 6:15: 2nd Grade at church (practice)

Apr. 23, 6:00: 2nd Grade at church w/parents

Apr. 24, 12:00: 2nd Grade at church (report to the Parish Center) Please be on time! First Communion at 12:30

BIG SHOUT OUT GOES TO All Seasons

Pest Control for their service to our church, free of charge because we are a house of worship. Mr. Lattig provided expert service and valuable information to us. We highly recommend their services. We feel you can't go wrong having them take care of your house too! Give them a call: 908-850-8206.

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